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The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to the Conference on Raw Materials of Developing Countries. The message reads:

To the Conference on Raw Materials of Developing Countries

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In the name of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Korean people and in my own, I extend warm felicitations and greetings to the Conference on Raw Materials of Developing Countries and to the delegates of various countries present at the conference.

The current conference is of very weighty significance for the third world countries in strengthening their common struggle to defend their national resources from the imperialists' plunder and fairly solve the problems of international economic relations including the raw materials problem on the basis of the principle of complete equality and independence.

Through the current conference the developing countries will more vividly show that the peoples of the third world countries are firmly united and have strength and wisdom to hew out their way with their own efforts.

The Korean people stand firm on the same front with the third world people fighting to consolidate national independence and achieve the independent development of their countries and always actively support and encourage their just cause with might and main.

Convinced that the current conference will greatly contribute to strengthening the solidarity of the developing nations in their struggle against imperialist aggression and interference and for defending the sovereignty and natural resources of their countries and to developing their economic and technical cooperation, I sincerely wish the conference fine successes in its work.

KIM IL SUNG

President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, February 3, 1975

TELEGRAMS

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed**, President of the Republic of India, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of India.

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**, on the latter's assumption of office as President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a telegram of condolence to **Idi Amin Dada**, President of the Republic of Uganda, upon the death of his father.

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, exchanged messages of greetings on New Year's cards with the leaders of various countries on the occasion of the New Year 1975.

He received messages of greetings or New Year's cards from: **Hafez Al Assad**, President of the Syrian Arab Republic; **Ibrahim Muhammed Al Hamdi**, Chairman of the Command Council of the Arab Republic of Yemen; **Habib Bourguiba**, President of the Republic of Tunisia; **Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga**, President of the Republic of Zaire; **Habyarimana Juvenal**, President of the Republic of Ruanda; **Gabriel Ramanantsoa**, Head of the Government of the Republic of Malagasy; **Rudolf Kirohsclaeger**, President of the Republic of Austria; **Margrethe the Second**, Queen of the Kingdom of Denmark; **Mohammed Hegazi**, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt; and **Makosini Dulamini**, Premier of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

He sent messages of greetings or New Year's cards to them.

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Moktar Ould Daddah**, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the independence of the IRM.

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **U Ne Win**, President of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the independence of Burma, the national holiday of the Burmese people.

✦The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Moktar Ould Daddah**, President of the IRM, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter in connection with the fact that the latter took a decisive measure to nationalize "Miferma" on November 27 last year.

✦**The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** sent a massage of greetings to **the 9th Congress of the Socialist People's Party of Norway.**

✦**The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** sent a message of greetings to **the National Congress of the Socialist Party of France.**

✦**The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** received messages of greetings from General Secretary **Ahmed Sekou Toure** on behalf of the CC of the Democratic Party of Guinea; **the CC of the Communist Party of Greece** (Internal); and **the Socialist Democratic Party of Finland**, on the occasion of the New Year 1975.

Great Revolutionary History Shedding a Brilliant Light through Successive Generations

On the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Leader's Stepping out on to the Road of Revolution

On February 3, 1925, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung crossed the Amnok-gang River and set out on to the road of the great revolution, led by a far-reaching purpose to restore the lost fatherland. Fifty years have passed since then.

Korea was then in a disastrous situation. The cries of the ruined people bemoaning the ill fate of their fatherland could be heard across the land.

It was at this grave time that the leader made a historic oath to restore the country on the ferryboat moorage of Popyong located on the snow-covered bank of the Amnok-gang River, looking back on the mountains and rivers of his homeland with the swelling emotions of sorrow.

His great figure on that day now looms up before the eyes of our people as a never-to-be-forgotten vivid picture and as a legendary epic.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, recalling these moments in his life, said later, after his fatherland was liberated:

"I crossed the Amnok-gang River when I was 13, firmly determined not to return until Korea became independent. Young as I was, I could not repress my sorrow as I sang the 'Song of the Amnok-gang River' someone had written, and I wondered when I would be able to tread this land again and when I would return to this land where I had grown up and which held our forefathers' graves."

It was an event of great historic significance for our people that the great leader, the sun of the nation, crossed the Amnok-gang River and took the road of revolution.

The leader's stepping out on to the road of great revolution brought the dawn of the fatherland's restoration to our people who had undergone agonizing sufferings in the dark land over many years, and marked a new turn in the national-liberation movement and the communist movement in this country.

It was the happiest moment of our people when their ardent desire to see the appearance of a revolutionary leader became a reality. It was also an epoch-making event that he fathered the Juche idea, the guiding idea, for which the times and people were so eagerly looking, so lighting the beacon flares to usher in the age of Juche.

Indeed, the great leader's embarking on the road of revolution meant the start of his glorious and brilliant revolutionary activities, the beginning of our people's genuine, modern history, and it stood as a landmark in the annals of the glorious history of our Party and revolutionary struggle.

Fifty years from the day when he left his small native cottage in Mangyongdae and when he crossed the River Amnok-gang! The history of this half a century covered by the great leader is marked by the rough, thorny path of revolution and stern trials—the road he covered to save Korea from a life-and-death crisis.

True, the great leader traversed hundreds of thousands of *ri* wrapped in flames of anti-Japanese war and covered another immeasurably long distance for on-the-spot guidance to build a land of paradise on war debris after the victorious war against US imperialist aggressors. Indeed, he steadily marched the road of revolution over half a century, with a burning revolutionary sweep.

In the annals of our past we can find no such leader as our leader who embarked on the road of revolution in his early years, traversed such a great revolutionary road and performed brilliant revolutionary feats.

The course of revolutionary activities of the respected and beloved leader over half a century is replete with ceaseless thinking in which the immortal Juche idea, the only guiding principle of this era, was created and untrodden path of revolution was explored by its brilliant rays.

The emergence of Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary idea, a crystallization of the great Juche idea and Juche-based revolutionary theory and leadership method, was an event of great significance in human thought history.

The creation of Juche idea brought in the Juche era, a new era of mankind, and made the masses of people who remained outside the orbit of history the master of history.

The revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, brainchild of his extraordinary wisdom and ceaseless, deep-going thinking, whose validity has been clearly proved by the test of action, is the beacon light and an undiminished encyclopedia to indicate the people in the revolutionary era the road of struggle.

This is the key to all successes in revolution and a source radiating hopes in struggle.

The half-century course of struggle covered by the great leader is also replete with great revolutionary feats. From this comes his name of a legendary hero and an ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander who defeated two imperialisms within the present generation.

The days of the arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle showed that the great leader was a legendary hero who manipulated at will the numerically superior enemy, ten times or even hundred times, and gave them successive defeats by his smart and flexible tactics and the outstanding commanding art which could be hardly found in any book on strategy and tactics of all ages and countries.

The legendary course of struggle and exploits of the leader who defeated the brigandish Japanese imperialists by carrying out the ingenious military operational plans led to the restoration of the fatherland and the establishment of the most glorious, revolutionary traditions which constitute an eternal foundation of the Korean revolution. That is why they shed a brilliant light on the history of the revolutionary struggle of our people.

The great leader is the iron-willed brilliant commander who gave death to the US imperialists when they unleashed a war of aggression in this land and made them take the first step down the slippery road to ruin.

It is thanks to the great leader, the outstanding military strategist, whom the people the world over revere, that we could frustrate aggressors pouncing upon us in succession, and defend the glory and dignity of our fatherland.

The path of struggle traversed by the great leader over the last 50 years is the road of creation along which he created a new history of innumerable miracles as the genius of revolution and construction.

The great leader established the most progressive socialist system on this land by leading the two social revolutions. He set up a socialist industrial state as we see today on war debris by driving the dynamic Chollima movement forward and laid firm foundations of an independent economy at the time when the capitalist countries were in the grip of economic upheavals. The powerful beating of the drum celebrating bumper harvest and the thunderous sound of the miraculous "speed of 70-day battle" reverberated throughout the world.

The most precious fruit of the glorious 50-year history is that our Party has been strengthened immeasurably, able to carry through the cause of Juche started by the great leader, and that the whole Party and people have been firmly rallied around him politically and ideologically.

What most pleases us is that our Party has been built up firmly, ready to devote its all to the realization of the great leader's lofty concept, and that a brighter vista has been opened before the country, the people and the revolution.

Space is too limited here to cite all the feats of the great leader, who has made the beautiful and valuable flowers bring into full bloom and bear fruit on this land. These will shed brilliant lights forever like stars.

The great leader, who has traversed steadily the arduous, thorny path over the last half a century only for the fatherland and the people, never ceases to visit every nook and corner of the country, showing warm care in every way for the people's living, with true paternal feelings.

Precisely because we are under the great leader, infinite glory and everlasting happiness lie in store for our fatherland and people.

On the occasion of this historic memorable day when the leader took the first step towards the road of revolution, every heart of our people is now filled with the feelings of gratitude and reverence for the great leader and they, bound in loyalty to him, are firmly resolved to carry through his noble concept, holding the leader, the great sun, in high esteem for ever.

Our Working People Display Heroic Mettle and Dash Forward Like the Wind, at the "Speed of 70-Day Battle"

"Speed of 70-Day Battle": New Chollima Speed

In his New Year address for this year the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung taught:

"With infinite loyalty to the Party and the revolution and in the high revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, all the Party members and working people should heroically struggle to carry out the Party's militant tasks before October 10, thus making the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea a more glorious and significant holiday, a grand festival of proud victors."

In whole-hearted response to the call of the great leader, our working people are now dashing ahead like the wind at the "speed of 70-day battle" in order to scale the height of the Six-Year Plan (1971-1976) before the 30th anniversary of the founding of the WPK and meet the Party's birthday as a grand festival of victors.

The "speed of 70-day battle" is a new Chollima speed. Under our Party's revolutionary guidance for bringing the plan of the great leader to shining materialization, our working people created this speed in the course of the "70-day battle" last year.

During the "70-day battle" miracles were wrought one after another in all domains of the national economy including extractive industries and transport. And in this period production increased at a rate of 2 to 3 times that before the battle. This was an amazing success.

This new speed helped overfulfil last year's plan by far and opened a new vista for successfully fulfilling the Six-Year Plan before the 30th birthday of the WPK and vigorously advancing toward the carrying out of bright perspective goals of great socialist construction.

This speed of grand march is a new speed created in the course of the development of the great Chollima movement. And it is an amazingly high speed incomparably faster than the "vinalon speed" and "Pyongyang speed" which startled the people throughout the world.

The "speed of 70-day battle" is a speed of advance. It was created at a time when the flames of "speed campaign," a most excellent and basic form of battle for socialist construction, was sweeping the whole country. It reflects the ardent desire of our people to accelerate the work of dyeing the whole society with the monolithic idea, Juche idea. It is a new speed of march born of the ever-growing might of the socialist independent economy.

The creation of the miraculous "speed of 70-day battle" owes entirely to the wise leadership of the great leader.

At a decisive moment when last year's plan had to be fulfilled successfully, the great leader called the entire people to an all-out charge and indicated a clear orientation, ways and means and targets of attack for the great battle. And he personally visited different parts of the country and inspired the working people to heroic feats.

In recent years the great leader has staffed the Party Central Committee with the workers who are most faithful to the Party, ready to dedicate even their lives to carry through the Party policies. He gave wise guidance over Party work to bring about a radical change in it. He also took drastic measures to strengthen the functions of state and economic bodies.

Our Party got the Party organizations into action and directed the "70-day battle" energetically to effect a great upswing in economic work.

Our Party mapped out a bold battle plan without precedent and took many creative steps.

And through the powerful ideological battle and fresh and dynamic work of organization and guidance, the Party roused the whole Party and the entire people to the battle and intelligently led the dynamic speed campaign.

The victory in the "70-day battle" deeply instilled again into the hearts of our working people the fighting spirit and the conviction that nothing is impossible when they advance under the guidance of the great leader and the Party centre.

The leader's call to mark the 30th birthday of the WPK as a great festival of victors has greatly stirred up our working people and made them confirm their determination to live up to the expectation of the leader with loyalty by continuously dashing forward vigorously at the "speed of 70-day battle".

In response to the call of the great leader and the Party centre all our working people are now advancing like a gust of wind at the "speed of 70-day battle" under the uplifted banner of the three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural. Thus unprecedented miracles are being wrought and fresh innovations brought about in all fields of the national economy and preparations for the great festival of victors are being pushed forward successfully.

Kim Su Yon

The stepped-up "speed campaign" results in uninterrupted innovation and steady progress in the production of small- and medium-size transformers (at the Chollima Taean Electrical Machinery Plant)

To Celebrate 30th Birthday of WPK as a Great Festival of Victors

The respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung taught:

"We must bring about a new great upswing in the revolution and construction to make this significant year the most shining year in the history of our Party and our people. 'Let us meet the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea with high political zeal and shining labour achievements!'—this is the Party's call and militant slogan for this year."

Upholding the highly important teaching of the great leader, the working people of our country are now bringing about a great upswing in production and construction in order to mark the 30th birthday of the Workers' Party of Korea as a significant red-letter day and a great festival of victors.

Taking to heart the leader's teaching that the front to which we should direct our efforts first this year is that of transport, the transport workers under the Ministry of Railways made such an innovation as overfulfilling their freight transportation plan for January.

So as to fully satisfy the demands for transport which are growing in all branches of the national economy, they built more loading and unloading facilities for the freight stations and the shunting tracks of enterprises and waged an active struggle to load and unload freight quickly. Thus they markedly reduced the turnround time of freight cars.

Besides, they extensively introduced the concentrated transport of huge loads such as ores and coal to increase freightage.

Our heroic coal miners throughout the country who had overfulfilled their assignments and surpassed the production level envisaged by the end of the Six-Year Plan during the "70-day battle"

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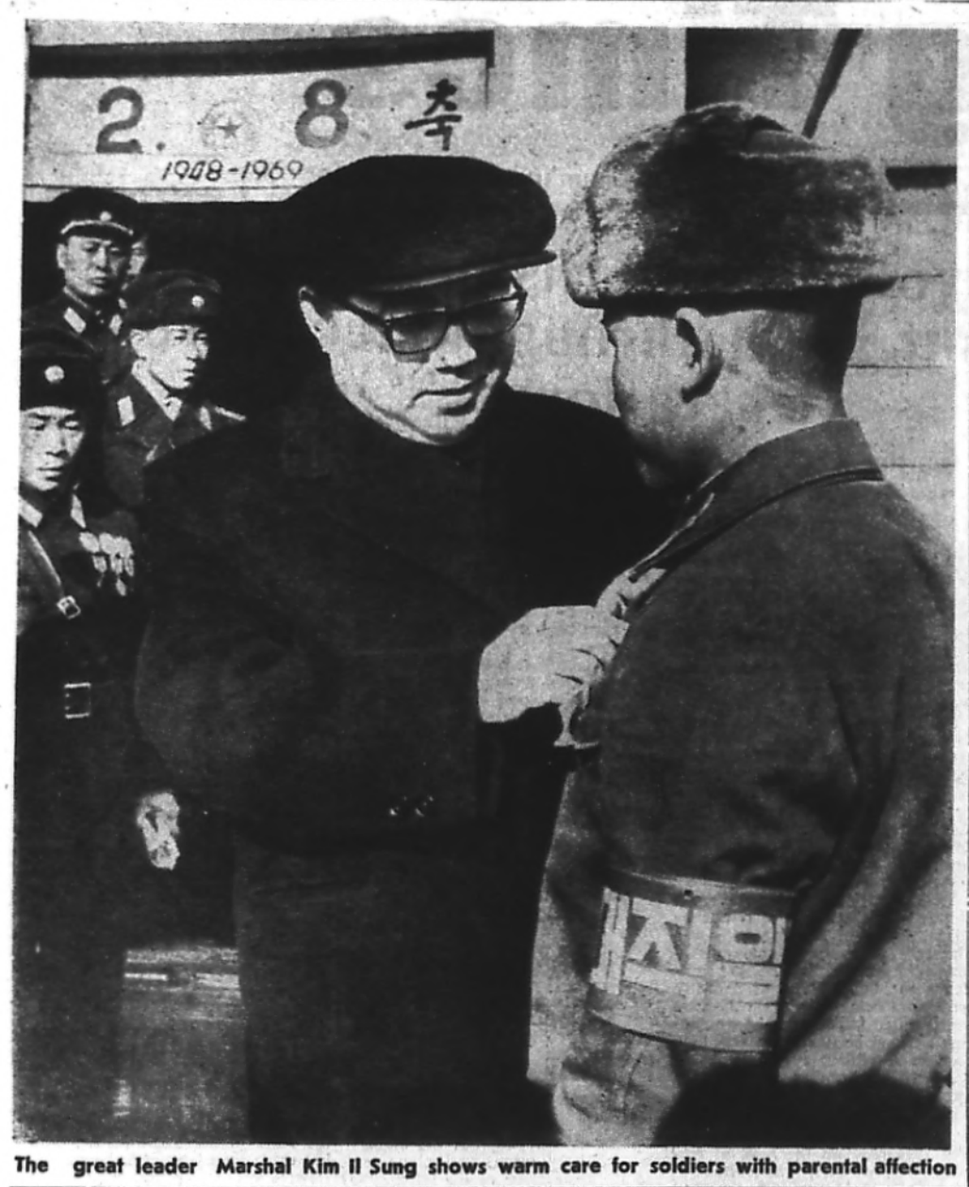
Coal miners make fresh upswing in their production to supply more coal to the sites for the huge socialist construction



The great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung shows warm care for soldiers with parental affection

The Leader of the People

Treading Wild Path

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung visited Tojiri, Nampo City, to guide the construction of the Pyongyang Institute. It was November 17, 1945.

That day he took the trouble of treading the wild path to inspect every section of the buildings which would house the institute, and selected the spots where to build the sleeping quarters, mess halls and wash rooms.

Then, he forced his way through the thorny bushes to the hill behind the buildings and the valleys, personally designating the places where to lay out the drill ground, firing range and physical training ground.

He instructed the accompanying cadres that they should pay attention to putting the buildings into better shape as soon as possible though the country's situation was still difficult, because this institute would undertake the training of future pillars of the revolution. He showed them the specific direction and ways of the construction project.

He named it the Pyongyang Institute.

A few days later, the fatherly leader allocated to it some of the cadres he himself had trained during the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle—the men who would serve the end of building the people's armed forces. He did so though the shortage of competent cadres was much in evidence in the post-liberation days. At the same time he made certain that the bereaved children of the revolutionaries and the fine sons and daughters of the working people were chosen from among those in different provinces and enrolled in the institute and that a large supply of the equipment and materials for construction reached there in good time.

The project was completed under the warm care of the great leader and the historic commencement ceremony was held on February 23, 1946, honoured by his presence.

That day he gave a detailed explanation as to the aim in establishing the institute and its task ahead, and said:

"I hope that you comrades, deeply conscious of the heavy responsibility you have assumed before the fatherland and the people, will strive hard to become the faithful military-political cadres who would actively contribute to the work of building a new Korea."

The leader's words encouraged both the instructors and trainees of the institute, and filled their hearts with the firm determination to justify his deep trust and expectation.

The ceremony was followed by a grand military review.

Since then, the great leader frequented the institute.

One day he came and happened to see the columns of trainees trooping by while lustily singing. He called some of the trainees to his side, and invited them to speak out any trouble without hesitation, questioning them closely how old they were; what sort of meals they were served; or if they thought their bedding was inferior to what they had been used to in their homes.

One of the trainees replied that they suffered no inconvenience in their daily life since they were under the utmost care of the fatherly leader.

"Why not? There must be some, but you just don't want to speak them out, putting up with them."

So saying, he dropped his eyes and scrutinized their boots. A pair of boots worn by a young trainee caught his attention for it looked too big in size. **"Yours must be as heavy as several *kun*** (one *kun* equals some 600 gm.). **Isn't that so?"** he remarked, smiling.

It was only a few months after the liberation of the country from Japanese imperialist colonial rule. Time was really hard. So, the trainees were clad as poorly as before. Most of them wore shabby hemp trousers and coats. Some underwent the training with rubber shoes on.

The boots which attracted the fatherly leader's eyes were among the booties from the Japanese imperialist army. It was too big for him.

"No, it isn't so heavy. I've got used to it" was a reply the young trainee gave him in a high-pitched voice, throwing out his chest.

The leader felt his boots this way or that. He stopped smiling and hugged him without a word, his gaze fixed on the trainee's face.

That moment everyone was reminded of what had happened in the years of the arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle. One day, on the way of the expedition to North Manchuria the leader told the guerrillas to put on their "torogi" (a kind of Chinese leather shoes) they had been carrying. But a young guerrilla found them very awkward to walk in. They would not stay on but slipped off every now and then. Noticing this, the leader asked him to let him see his "torogi". He took out the straw lining, softening it and respreading it evenly. And at another occasion, he sat up late at night by the camp fire, mending the shoes of a young guerrilla. The country was liberated. Now, he was pained at the sight of a young trainee whose boots were too big to fit him.

A few minutes after, the leader said: **"Try hard to endure it. You must put up with it in view of the situation our country is now in."** He encouraged him to study harder and become one of the excellent cadres who would work for the building of a rich, strong, independent and sovereign state.

Attentively listening to the fatherly leader, the trainee exclaimed. "Oh! Dear leader...." and could speak no more, hiding his face in the breast of the leader.

In fact, his affection for the trainees was boundless, that even their own parents could not give.

That was why they gave full scope to their enthusiasm in the military-political study in whatever difficulty, driven by a single desire to repay the leader for his great affection and expectation.

It was thanks to the fatherly leader's deepest love and meticulous care that the trainees were fostered to become the strong pillars to build our people's armed forces.

"The Great Leader Marshal KIM IL SUNG Is a Legendary Hero and a Military Strategist of Genius Whose Name Will Be Recorded Forever in the History of Humanity"

"Comrade Kim Il Sung, the brilliant revolutionary leader, having subjected the situation of Korea in the beginning of 1930's to specific and scientific analysis, advanced a line of waging the anti-Japanese armed struggle as a highest form of struggle, which was most suitable in coping with the savage acts of the Japanese imperialists against the Korean people.

This line was a wise line which nobody could present in such a situation." (Representative of the People's Progressive Party of Guyana in Havana.)

"In the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and waged by Comrade Kim Il Sung organizational and ideological preparations were made for founding a Marxist-Leninist party and rich and valuable revolutionary feats and experience in struggle were gained for creating a revolutionary armed force, setting up a people's government and forming an anti-Japanese national united front.

Also established in this course were the traditions whose main elements were the Marxist-Leninist ideological system—the Juche idea, indomitable revolutionary spirit, socialist love of country, proletarian internationalism and so on—and revolutionary work method and popular work style." (A Malian paper.)

"The merciless defeats of the 'crack units' of Japanese imperialists by the Korean revolutionaries and their successive victories—these were made possible by piercing, scientific vision of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to determine the future course of the Korean revolution from the revolutionary stand, that is, to believe in and rely on one's own efforts. These were also made possible by his firm revolutionary will, correct strategy and tactics and seasoned leadership." (Representative of the Zimbabwe African People's Union in Algeria.)

"Comrade Kim Il Sung, the brilliant revolutionary leader, elaborated a new effective tactics to wipe out the enemy by skilfully combining large-scale operation with small-scale one. Comrade Kim Il Sung, the prominent military strategist, employed flexible and diversified guerrilla tactics. Under his skilful command, the anti-Japanese guerillas used the tactics of attacking in the west while making sounds in the east, and appearing in the west and then suddenly crushing the enemy both in the north and east at the same time. He also employed the tactics of isolating the enemy at a certain place and assaulting the enemy reinforcements by ambush tactics, throwing them into confusion. Attacking the enemies in their midst and quickly slipping out from them he would make them fight among themselves. Pretending to move far away, but coming back right under the nose of the enemy, or while marching majestically, he would suddenly shift to a dispersed march to hit the enemies in the flank and from behind, so administering blows in succession at them and putting them on the defensive.

Indeed, Marshal Kim Il Sung, the military strategist of genius, is the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander who defeated burglarious Japanese imperialists with his elusive tactics." (A public figure of Mauritius.)

"During the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung literally manipulated the Japanese aggressors at will and wiped them out. At one occasion he would use the 'One step makes a thousand ri' tactics and at another occasion he would appear in a place like a lightning and attack the enemy forces, and disappear like a wind. While letting his men take a rest right under the nose of the enemies who were on the rampage to destroy the anti-Japanese guerrilla army, he would elaborate a large operational plan.

The great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung is, indeed, a legendary hero, a military strategist of genius born of humanity and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander whose name will be recorded forever in the history of humanity." (A Syrian military personnel.)

"When the Korean people were plagued by the colonial rule of the Japanese imperialists, the great leader President Kim Il Sung steered the Korean people towards the fight against villainous Japanese imperialism to win victory.

He fought overcoming all sorts of hardships for the liberation of the homeland.

No doubt he is one of the outstanding revolutionary leaders in the world.

If history has the men who changed the destiny of their country and people, the respected and beloved leader President Kim Il Sung will be the first in the ranks of such revolutionary leaders in the world." (A member of the delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.)

Korean People's Army: Glorious Army, Invincible Armed Force

Yun Chi Ho, Major General of the Korean People's Army

Today we celebrate the 27th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Army.

On this memorable day our people and the men and officers of the People's Army extend the greatest honour and thanks to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, who founded the Korean People's Army, brilliantly incorporating the immortal Juche idea in military affairs and brought up it into an invincible revolutionary armed force.

The founding of the Korean People's Army on February 8, 1948 was the brilliant fruit of the prolonged, hard-fought struggle waged by the great leader who had prepared the foundation of a modern regular armed force in the days of the arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle.

The leader founded on April 25, 1932 the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the first Marxist-Leninist revolutionary armed force in our country, and organized and led the anti-Japanese armed struggle, thus defeating Japanese imperialism and achieving the historic cause of the fatherland restoration in August 1945. In this crucible he established the glorious revolutionary traditions of our Party and our people, accomplished precious exploits in the building of the revolutionary armed force and accumulated rich experience in struggle.

Based on these roots the leader founded after the liberation the Korean People's Army, organized with fine sons and daughters of workers and peasants, whose backbone was composed of revolutionary fighters brought up personally by him during the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

The KPA is the direct successor to the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, a glorious army of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and an army of the Party and an army of the working class.

The founding of the KPA was, indeed, a great event of historic significance in the development of our revolution.

With the creation of the KPA our people became a more powerful and dignified nation and a full-fledged nation of an independent state with a strong regular army capable of firmly guaranteeing the building of socialism and communism.

The basic mission of the KPA which takes the immortal Juche idea as its only guiding principle is to defend the great leader politically and ideologically, protect our socialist system and revolutionary gains and safeguard the freedom, independence and peace of the country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung fostered the founded People's Army into an invincible revolutionary armed force.

He propounded an original policy of building the revolutionary armed force and strengthening and developing it—thoroughly establishing the Party's monolithic ideological system within the army, strengthening the Party's leadership in it, giving precedence to political work while combining the military technology with it and turning the whole army into an army of cadres and a modern army. This policy was a firm guarantee that the People's Army was grown into an invincible revolutionary armed force.

The fatherly leader, a man with the full weight of government affairs on his mind, always found time to visit army units and specified the direction and ways and means the People's Army should take in every period and stage of our revolutionary development, demonstrating his deep concern and warm affection even for soldiers' daily life.

Our heroic People's Army which has grown into an invincible revolutionary armed force under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and military strategist of genius, has always remained faithful to the leader over the past 27 years and performed immortal exploits for the fatherland and the people through their heroic struggle.

In the years of the peaceful construction the KPA smashed the aggressive intrigues and destructive moves of the US imperialists and their pawns at every step and thus defended with full credit the revolutionary, democratic base in the northern half of the Republic and the creative labour of our people who had risen in the building of a new state.

During the period of the great Fatherland Liberation War against the invasion of US imperialism our People's Army, rallied closely around the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Supreme Commander, fully displayed unparalleled bravery and self-sacrificing spirit and mass heroism and gave a fatal blow to the US imperialist invaders, so winning a great historic victory.

Our people's great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War demonstrated to the world that invincible were the Korean people and the People's Army advancing closely rallied around the leader under his wise guidance.

The shining victory in the war achieved by our people and the People's Army under the guidance of the leader meant that the US imperialists, who boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, were brought to failure, and their myth of all-mightiness blasted; they took their first step down the road to the end of imperialism and a new phase was opened in the national-liberation struggle and the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle of the world's revolutionary people.

In the postwar period too, the People's Armymen, under the slogan "Let's defend at the cost of our life the Party Central Committee headed by Marshal Kim Il Sung!" safeguarded the leader politically and ideologically, resolutely frustrating the manoeuvres of reactionaries and enemies, internal and external, defended the country's defence line impregnably and protected dependably the revolutionary cause of our Party and our people for the socialist revolution and socialist construction.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"Due to the splendid implementation of the Party's policy of turning the entire army into an army of cadres and modernizing it from top to bottom, our People's Army has become an army of cadres—each of our men being the equal of a hundred enemies—further steeled politically, ideologically, and in military techniques; it has grown into an invincible revolutionary armed force, fully equipped with powerful means of attack and defence." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Eng. ed., Vol. V, pp. 431-32.)

Today the monolithic ideological system of the Party has been thoroughly established in the ranks of our People's Army.

The men and officers of the People's Army are firmly determined to carry out to the end the order of the leader, even going through fire and water; they are thoroughly armed with high class and revolutionary consciousness. The features of traditional revolutionary comradely good-will between men and officers, conscious military discipline and blood ties with the people prevail over the ranks of our People's Army.

Our People's Armymen are expert at the Juche-based art of war capable of smashing any enemy at a blow.

They are strong enough to destroy imperialist aggressors at a single blow, no matter how and when they may attack any part of our country.

As a result of the thorough implementation of the leader's policy of arming all the people and turning the entire country into a fortress, an all-people, nation-wide defence system has firmly been established in our country centering around the People's Army—each of our men being the equal of a hundred enemies; and the whole country has been turned into an impregnable fortress.

Owing to the aggressive manoeuvres of US imperialists, the ringleader of world reaction and warmaniacs, and their stooges, a tense situation has now been created in our country, in which a war may break out again at any moment.

US imperialism and its stooges the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, continuously trampling down the agreed points of the July 4 North-South Joint Statement, are further intensifying the aggressive machinations against the northern half of the Republic and watching for a chance to invade us.

More, the US imperialists, deliberately creating the tense situation in our country, have brought it to the brink of war and are impelling the puppets to conduct reckless acts of military provocation against the northern half of the Republic.

In the meantime, they are supplying the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique with various kinds of lethal weapons, making desperate efforts to turn south Korea into a nuclear base, in an attempt to maintain their foothold for aggression which is now totally crumbling in Asia.

Nor is this all. The US imperialists are dragging even the Japanese militarists into a new war provocation move in Korea.

Taking advantages of the aggressive policy of the US imperialists, the Japanese militarists are penetrating deeper into the fields of politics, economy and military affairs of south Korea, and are ready to join in a war of aggression against our country.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, who are rejected at home and abroad due to their traitorous policy of selling the country and driven into a quagmire, still persist in dependence on outside forces, splittist manoeuvres and suppression of people. Meanwhile, they have fabricated all sorts of "incidents" to launch frantic "anti-communist" clamour against the northern half of the Republic, and are obsessed with acts of war provocation. This is evidenced by the fact that the build-up is assuming large proportion and various weapons and other military equipment are introduced.

Should the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique hamper the independent, peaceful reunification of Korea, and eventually unleash a new, adventurous war, continuously aggravating the situation, our people and the men and officers of the People's Army will mete out severe punishment to the aggressors.

Only victory and glory are in store for our people and the heroic Korean People's Army who are advancing under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and military strategist of genius.

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last year carried out their first month coal production plan ahead of schedule by launching a vigorous "speed campaign" and making continued innovation.

For the successful fulfilment of their January quota, our coal miners faithful to the leader forcefully pushed ahead with production, giving definite priority to tunnelling and earth-scraping.

Taking the General Bureau of Coal Industry as a whole, the plans for capital and preparatory tunnellings, construction of permanent pits and earth-scraping were carried out at 120 per cent, 132 per cent, 136 per cent and 154 per cent respectively as against the corresponding period of last year.

This brought about a great upsurge in the domain of coal mining. During this period the coal output grew again by more than 20 per cent as against the result of the same period of last year.

In particular our coal mines laid emphasis on diversifying transport and registered a good success. Many coal mines introduced and perfected combined self-advancing hydraulic supports produced by our Juche industry. Advanced technology was actively introduced and mass technical innovation drives launched dynamically in coal mines in different parts of the country. As a result, labour-consuming work of miners was reduced markedly and coal output grew considerably.

The heroic machine-builders of the Sungri Combined Automobile Factory carried out with credit their January assignment of this year's plan on all indices, the plan which is set 25 per cent higher than that of last year.

In January they overfulfilled their plan for the production of automobiles—"Sungri-58", "Chaju" and "Konsol" by 76 per cent, 67 per cent and 400 per cent respectively.

Without resting on their laurels, the machine builders here are making uninterrupted innovation to fulfil their first quarterly year plan within February, their plan for the first half of the year by the end of April, and their plan for this year and their assignments of the Six-Year Plan before October 10, the birthday of the WPK.

Mines and factories under the General Bureau of Mining Industry and the General Bureau of Chemical Industry also overfulfilled their January quota far ahead of schedule. Many units of the national economy also fulfilled their January plan with flying colours.

With intense loyalty to the great leader our heroic working class is now marching ahead vigorously at the "speed of 70-day battle," a new Chollima speed created last year, and working miracles and making innovations without self-complacency in order to celebrate the great October festival more colourfully.

Shin Chol

Spokesman of DPRK Foreign Ministry Issues Statement

Denouncing US Imperialists' Acts of Aggression and Interference against Cambodia

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people sternly condemn the US imperialists' acts of aggression and interference against Cambodia as a wanton infringement upon the sovereignty of the Cambodian people and a grave criminal act against the Indochinese people and the world peace-loving people and fully support the just stand clarified in the statements of the Ministry of Information and Propaganda of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia.

So states the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK in his statement issued on January 31 in connection with the fact that the US imperialists are viciously perpetrating acts of aggression and interference against Cambodia these days.

The statement notes:

US imperialism is now scheming to render 200 million more dollars of military aid to the puppet clique of Cambodia with the aim of intensifying interference in the internal affairs of Cambodia and aggression against her.

Besides, the US imperialists illegally send large numbers of US military advisers to Cambodia to directly command the Cambodian puppet army in battles.

The Ministry of Information and Propaganda of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, in its statements dated January 20 and 25, vehemently lashed at US imperialism for its daily intensified aggressive acts and clarified once again the firm determination of the heroic Cambodian people to resolutely fight against the enemy till they win final victory.

The criminal acts committed by the United States ceaselessly in Cambodia and Indochina today clearly show how high-handedly and persistently the US imperialists are manoeuvring to attain their aggressive design in this region.

With no desperate aggressive manoeuvres, however, can the US imperialists save the traitorous Lon Nol clique from their imminent doom or bolster up their irretrievably crumbling colonial ruling system.

The Cambodian people and National Liberation People's Armed Forces, rallied close around the National United Front of Kampuchea with Head of State of Cambodia Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as its Chairman and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, are now dealing one heavy blow after another at the US imperialists and the traitorous Lon Nol clique, their stooges, and winning greater victory with each passing day on the Phnom Penh front and all other fronts.

The US imperialists must discontinue at once the aid of all forms to the traitorous Lon Nol clique and take blood-stained hands off Cambodia, and the Cambodian question must be solved by the Cambodian people themselves.

If the US imperialists recklessly take the road of escalating the war of aggression in Cambodia, they will be driven deeper into an inextricable mire of miserable ruin.

The DPRK Government and the Korean people will actively support and encourage in the future, too, with might and main the fraternal Cambodian people in their sacred struggle against US aggression and for national salvation till they smite the enemy and achieve the country's complete liberation.

At a Rifle Range

With February 8th (the birthday of the Korean People's Army) at hand, the shooting range of my unit is agog with the activity of exultant soldiers.

"Bang! Ba-bang!" "Bravo! Bravo!" "A straight shot! Another bullet hit the mark!" Each time shouts of joy burst forth.

All the shots told.

As a commanding officer in charge of fire power, I am also elated.

Soldiers vie with each other in pinning flowers on the breasts of competent shots and putting garlands round their necks.

Recruits pull their seniors by the arm, badgering them to tell about the secret of success in their shooting.

Each of the veterans declines the offer. They say: "It is natural for us People's Army fighters to finish off oncoming Yankee aggressors at the first shot. This is nothing to be proud of." But the newcomers' request is persistent.

There was no help for it. Pfc. Pak, a crack shot, who is loved by all the comrades of the unit, rose to his feet.

He explained to the freshmen the real meaning of the following words of the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung: **"First of all, you pull the trigger, regarding the targets as Yankees. This spirit of yours is admirable. You must always conduct all your training with such hatred for the enemy."** And he told them that they need to regard the targets not as mere marks for shooting practice but as the US imperialist wolves, the sworn enemy of the Korean people.

His explanation is simple, but it stirs up the blood of the KPA fighters.

The same may be said of me. Since my life in the army as a soldier I often heard such words which made my heart burn with revengeful thought.

It happened when I took part in the first ball firing after joining the army.

When I took a position for shooting, I could hardly calm myself down.

Just at that time the squad leader standing by me said: "Comrade Myong Sok, the target is over there, as you see. Don't think it to be a mere mark. You'd better take it as the enemy—Yankee devils who killed your father and mother in cold blood. Well, shoot with composure!"

The moment, the faces of my parents flashed across my mind. Both of them were killed cruelly at the hands of the enemy US imperialists in 1950. It was at the time of our temporary retreat during the Fatherland Liberation War.

My parents were Workers' Party members. Every year they cultivated with utmost care the farmland given by the leader and donated a large amount of rice to the state out of patriotism. Blaming them for this, wolfish Yankees put wire through their noses and dragged them through the streets of the village before burning them to death.

I took aim with presence of mind.

On the foresight and the notch of the backsight of my gun there appeared a target, nay, the disgusting figure of the enemy US imperialist aggressors who murdered my parents ruthlessly.

(Damn you Yankee beasts, see who is before you! You stopped at nothing to exterminate the Reds. You must know this clearly. The man standing before you is a "one-beats-a-hundred", "one-beats-a-thousand" avenger who has grown in the embrace of the Party, with the leader as his father. My gun is stained with the blood shed by anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who remained boundlessly loyal to the leader. With this rifle I will take a hundred, a thousand fold revenge upon you scoundrels!)

I pulled the trigger.

Bullets shot through the brutish Yankee's chest.

Fifteen years have passed since then. During this period one generation replaced another but the target of revolution still remains unchanged.

The recruits of my unit belong to the new generation. They did not go through the stern trials of war. They only heard about the brutality and aggressiveness of the US imperialists.

(I will let the soldiers know more deeply the real meaning of the leader's words, so that whenever the targets appear they regard them as the enemy US imperialists who killed our parents and brothers coldbloodedly and who are still engrossed in new war provocation manoeuvres in the southern half of our country.)

I was highly strung in spite of myself. Allaying my mental excitement, I again issued an order to the soldiers who proceeded to the firing line.

"Target—x x. Backsight—3. Aiming point—lower part of the centre. Fire in quick succession!"

Appearing or mobile targets are destroyed one after another, as the US imperialist aggressors who had attacked heights of our fatherland were mowed down during the great Fatherland Liberation War...

So long as the US imperialists remain on this land, we soldiers who took up arms are duty bound to wipe them out. To rout the enemy US imperialism—this is the only task before us.

Until the US imperialists are totally annihilated in this land, my fire-power command post will stand as ever and my giving the word of command "fire!" will not cease.

Our socialist fatherland safeguarded by the revolutionary soldiers of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the gifted military strategist, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and respected and beloved Supreme Commander, will remain an impregnable fortress capable of smiting any enemy at a stroke.

Kim Myong Sok, Officer of the Korean People's Army

Officers take care of the soldiers as tenderly as an eldest brother would do his younger brothers

Whenever red-letter days come around, the people invite soldiers as their distinguished guests and entertain them with kinship affection

Wherever We Go, We'll Never Forget Our Comradeship

Wherever we go, we'll never forget
Our comradeship forged in the flames of battle.
Struggling to defeat US imperialism,
Comrades, dedicate our youth to the country.

Ah, comrades, dedicate our youth to the country.

We must never forget our comrades-in-arms,
We'll meet again in the square of victory.
Proud victors over US imperialism,
Our loyalty we'll report to the leader.

Oh, our loyalty we'll report to the leader.

A KPA sentry firmly stands guard over the position of the homeland

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"I'm a Member of the Workers' Party of Korea"

Story about a Soldier Who Dedicated His Youth and Life to the Leader

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The members of the Workers' Party of Korea came forward in charging. And they dropped behind others in retreating to beat off the enemy. At factories and in farm villages, too, our Party members were invariably seen at the head of any difficult work."

During the last Fatherland Liberation War when our country and people were faced with the gravest danger, the members of the Workers' Party of Korea fought valiantly for the defence of the independence and honour of their homeland, dedicating their youth and life. They were indeed the true revolutionary fighters infinitely loyal to the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Comrade Son Sang Byong was one among them. Follows a brief story about his devoted struggle.

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The Korean People's Army surged on and on to the south.

In hearty response to the order of the respected and beloved Supreme Commander Marshal Kim Il Sung, a battery of the Guards Seoul Third Infantry Division also joined in the southward advance, cannonading the fleeing enemy. They reached the bank of the Rakdong-gang River.

The battery chief gunner Son Sang Byong belonged to received a combat order to destroy the enemy's guns and effectives so as to cover the offensive operation of the combined units which crossed the river.

The enemy became frantic in their action: Every day hundreds of their planes flew overhead, bombing and strafing all around.

The area along the river was virtually engulfed in a sea of fire.

The battery got to the river bank, when night was far advanced.

They buckled down to building their artillery emplacements, and finished them by working throughout the night. Then, they began to make a final check on shells.

At the moment a voice "Battery! Attention!" came from the observation post. The enemy was attacking in large groups.

The gunners were quickly in fighting trim.

"Fire!"

All the guns opened fire simultaneously. Shells zoomed out and exploded right over the heads of the enemies. They were mowed down with wild shrieks, like a pack of wolves shot by hunters. The battlefield presented a scene of carnage. The foolhardy attack cost them dearly. But the survivals tried counter-attacks with beefed-up strength.

The battle became fiercer as time passed. Enemy planes flew over again, dropping bombs and napalm bombs.

Fire broke out at an artillery emplacement. Tongues of flames were threatening shells.

If the cases of shells caught fire, the guns, gunners and all the others would have been blown up. A moment delay in action might have caused grave consequences....

At this moment someone was darting to the piles of shells. He was chief gunner Son Sang Byong.

"Comrades! Remember we are the soldiers of General Kim Il Sung. Let's fight bravely to the last moment the way we should as the General's soldiers!

So shouting, he carried a case of shells away from the flames. His words inspired other gunners greatly.

The dangerous moment passed without mishap. Then came from the observation post another order to shift on to high-angle fire.

"Fire!"

Whenever chief gunner Son raised the red signal flag, our guns roared and flames were shot out in the enemy position.

But the next moment the chief gunner dropped on the spot all of a sudden, the signal flag in his hand.

A splinter went through his belly.

Gun layer Kim Hyong Il hurried up to him. He tore a shirt to pieces with which he bandaged the wound, and carried him on his back to a shelter.

"Chief gunner! Chief gunner!"

The gunners called him in choked voices. One of them took him into his arms.

After a while, the chief gunner managed to gather his weak senses together and murmured:

"Comrades! Can't hear the gun firing. Why?"

So saying, he looked around in search of something.

Everybody knew what he was after was his signal flag.

"Never mind! I shall direct the gun firing. You've got to be evacuated to a field hospital, chief gunner."

The gun layer turned his back slantwise, meaning to carry him on his back, with hot tears streaming down his cheeks. Sang Byong said:

"Hyong Il! I'm a member of the Workers' Party of Korea, a revolutionary fighter of General Kim Il Sung. How can I stay away from the battlefield even for a moment? Well, comrades, go and load your guns!"

He then put his one hand on his belly and took up the red signal flag by the other.

Gunners set about loading guns, wiping away tears with their fists.

Sang Byong tried to support himself leaning against a wheel of the gun. He tottered. There was a hard grit in his eyes which were fixed on the enemy position, afire with the burning hatred.

He himself knew that death was staring at him, but didn't shrink back. He held his signal flag higher than before.

"Comrades! Fire! Fire!... for the respected and beloved leader General Kim Il Sung... for a thousand-fold vengeance on the enemy...."

He sank to the ground again. Another splinter hissed and hit him on the head.

His comrades rushed to the spot only to find him still holding his binoculars and signal flag in his hands.

They fired one shell after another to take revenge.

All the shells flew into the enemy artillery position and did terrible havoc.

Presently, two signal shots passed overhead describing parabola.

Our combined units launched attack.

Shouts of "*manse*!" (hurrah) rent the air. The gunners gave the accursed enemy wholesale death and thus won the battle.

Li Song Guk

People's Armymen enjoy themselves during a break in military-training

KPA men strive to prepare themselves as the revolutionary fighters immensely loyal to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

Resolutely Oppose and Reject "National Referendum" Farce Aimed at Justifying Fascist "Revitalized" Dictatorship

"Revitalized Constitution": Unheard-of Fascist Evil Law

On the threshold of the "national referendum" on the "revitalized constitution", traitor Pak Jung Hi has the effrontery to say that the "revitalized constitution is a most suitable one which renders it possible to cope with the external and internal situation positively" and that it fits in with the "constitutional administrative order which makes the healthy development of democracy possible." But, in point of fact, it was rigged up to perpetuate and legalize his military fascist dictatorship.

Now, let's see what is included in this ugly, fascist evil law called a "revitalized constitution."

Ominous Tenor of "Revitalized Constitution"

Traitor Pak Jung Hi and his ilk proclaimed on October 17, 1972 an "extraordinary martial law" in addition to the "state of emergency" which had lasted for nearly a year. They put tanks, armoured cars and armed troops into action to bind the people hand and foot. Then, the "revitalized constitution" which they concocted with bayonet-wielding was promulgated. It is a fascist evil law intended to justify traitor Pak's fascist dictatorship and long-term office, a law which is rarely to be seen in history.

On the strength of this farcical "revitalized constitution" traitor Pak Jung Hi made himself "president" who gets above the post of "head of the government," being invested with the rights of a "Fuhrer" to control the administrative, judicial and legislative bodies and the puppet army as a whole. In fact, he usurped all rights—the "right to control and direct the government", the right to nominate one-third of the total number of the "members of the national assembly", the right to convene "extra session of the national assembly", the right to dissolve the "national assemly", the right to appoint all "judicial officers" including the "Chief Justice", the "right to command the ROK army", the "exclusive right to deal with the question of national unification", the "right to hold national referendum" on "important policies" and the right to issue "presidential decrees" at will and what not.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi holds unlimited power. He can exercise any right if he deems it necessary. For instance, he has the "right to take emergency measures"—the "extraordinary right to deprive the people of their freedoms and rights and annul governmental functions and legal competence specified in the constitution"—and the right to proclaim martial law. None of the dictators has ever been empowered so much as traitor Pak.

Moreover, he ensured that the "national conference for unification" was vested with the right to ratify with finality the "constitution" voted for at the "national assembly." In this way, he ridded the "national assembly" of its legislative power and took it into his hands.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi changed the "system of direct presidential election" stipulated in the former "constitution" into the "system of indirect election" under which the "national conference for unification" made up of his hangers-on is to "elect" the "president" without any debate. This signifies that he is enabled to stay in office for a long time without much trouble. By striking off the provision which lays restraints on one man's successive presidency, he legalized his long stay in power.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi made certain that all of the provisions inimical to legalization of his long-term office and one-man fascist dictatorship were cancelled from the "revitalized constitution".

This can be seen clearly from the problem of impeachment.

Formerly, an "impeachment motion" would be carried with the "approval" of more than half of the total number of "assemblymen." But the "revitalized constitution" provides that it shall be adopted in case of approval by over two-thirds. Under this "constitution," the "right to finally ratify" the motion belongs to the "constitutional commission" directly appointed by traitor Pak Jung Hi, not to the "national assembly." Hence, an "impeachment motion" is no more than a scrap of paper.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi, a lackey and quisling faithful to the US and Japanese imperialists, legalized his "anti-communist" policy in opposition to the country's reunification and for perpetuation of national split.

With the wild design to "achieve reunification by prevailing over communism", that is, to extend the reactionary social system set up in south Korea to the northern half of the Republic, traitor Pak included in the "revitalized constitution" the former provision which defined the puppet regime as the only "legitimate government" of Korea. At the same time he held the exclusive right to deal with the question of national reunification under the pretext of securing the "national harmony". This enabled him to put down the growing tendency of the south Korean people and political and public circles towards reunification and repress them harshly.

South Korea under "Revitalized System": A Land of Darkness

By dint of the "revitalized constitution", traitor Pak Jung Hi consolidated the system of one-man military fascist dictatorship and committed such fascist outrages as brutally suppressing all the socio-political forces obstructive to it. And he fabricated countless "cases" and "incidents" such as the "case of the National Federation of Youth and Students for Democracy", "August 15 sniping incident" and the like, and proclaimed "emergency measures" one after another by exercising his "extraordinary right," thereby arresting, imprisoning or murdering in cold blood the workers, peasants, patriotic student youth, intellectuals, journalists, religionists and people of other sections in south Korea who have risen in the struggle for the reunification of the country and the democratization of society.

Worse still, at the instigation of US imperialism he declared the line of split—the line for creating "two Koreas"—to be his "policy" and thus scrapped the July 4 North-South Joint Statement and brought the north-south dialogue which had started for the first time to a state of rupture.

Nor is that all. Traitor Pak cooked up nonsensical incidents like the "West Sea incident", "East Sea incident", "tunnel incident", etc., and, using these incidents, kicked up the "anti-communist" racket in south Korea like the mad. He incited the north-south confrontation and stepped up war preparations with great frenzy under the plea of fictitious "threat of southward aggression". By so doing he has led the situation to the brink of war.

All these facts show that the "revitalized constitution" rigged up under the spurious name of "peaceful unification" and "democracy" is the worst, fascist evil law intended to legalize traitor Pak Jung Hi's one-man dictatorship and his long-term office and achieve "reunification by prevailing over communism" on the basis of "build-up of strength" and that it is a country-selling and treacherous law designed to outrageously trample underfoot even the elementary freedom and rights of the people, relentlessly suppress them, reinforce the US imperialist colonial rule in south Korea and advocate the repressive policy more zealously.

Due to the indelible treacheries committed by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique under the signboard of "revitalization" and their plots to perpetuate the national split, the south Korean people have no political right and have fallen deeper into destitution, and the economic catastrophe has reached the extreme. To top it all, the rulers' swindle, irregularities and corruption have become ever more rampant, coupled with their depravity and immorality. Social unrest reigns all over south Korea today.

Little wonder that the south Korean people have, for more than two years now, waged the bloody struggle against the "revitalized constitution" and the "revitalized" dictatorship system which brought them nothing but immeasurable misery and distress.

Their struggle has now expanded into a mass struggle calling for abolition of the "revitalized constitution" and overthrow of the "revitalized" dictatorship.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi can never cover up the fascist nature of the most ugly "revitalized" constitution and "revitalized" dictatorship, however hard he may try to embellish them with a cloak of "sound democracy". Even if he holds the "national referendum" and wins the "support of the majority" by threat of recourse to arms, he will never be able to dampen the fighting spirit of the south Korean people who are against the fascist dictatorship and for democratization of society.

The desperate move of the Pak Jung Hi clique will only result in hastening their doomsday.

Kim Dong Ok

Bitterly Condemned at Home and Abroad

—Among People of All Strata in South Korea—

According to a report from south Korea, the workers, peasants, student youth and other sections of people in south Korea joined in an extensive movement to oppose and reject the "national referendum" farce planned by the traitor Pak Jung Hi.

A worker residing in Yongdungpo District, Seoul, charged that the "national referendum" farce planned by the Pak Jung Hi clique is one of the political tricks designed to prolong their dirty fate which is sealed and suppress more harshly all the patriotic forces. The south Korean workers will fight on to the end to frustrate the "national referendum" farce, overthrow the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique, democratize the south Korean society and achieve the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, he said.

A student surnamed Kim of Koryo University stated that the attempt to hold the "national referendum" while leaving intact the "revitalized" fascist evil law which was opposed, rejected and treated like something in a dust-bin by all the populace long ago is an intolerable mockery at and another vicious challenge to us students and people. He expressed his determination to fight, saying that the student youth would carry on the powerful mass struggle against the "national referendum" together with the people.

Teachers of primary schools in Chonan, South Chungchong Province, resolutely opposed and rejected the puppet clique's manoeuvres to force them to persuade the parents of pupils not to abstain from voting at the "national referendum". The General Federation of Christian Students and the Students' Association of the Hanguk Theological College in south Korea disclosed that the "poll observation committees" which are to supervise the voting and ballot counting are all composed of the pawns of the Pak Jung Hi clique and their wicked agents. And they resolutely maintained that the "national referendum" should not be held before the conflicting points in the "law on national referendum" which was enacted in disregard of the people's true will under the martial law are eliminated.

The Council for Christian Churches, the Metropolitan Special Area Missionary Commission, the National Religious Workers' Association of the Evangelical Church, the Christians Society for Defense of Democracy and many other religious organizations and religionists in south Korea turned out in the struggle against the "national referendum", issuing statements and declarations.

The opposition parties and the democrats in south Korea are raising voices in anger against the "national referendum" farce to be staged by the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique.

Kim Yong Sam, head of the New Democratic Party, had press interviews in Los Angeles, Tokyo and in south Korea on January 25, 27, 29 and 31. At his interviews he denounced the Pak Jung Hi clique, saying that the "national referendum" planned by them is another "coup d'etat" aiming solely at the justification of their "revitalized" dictatorship, and expressed his determination to wage, at the risk of being arrested, an extensive struggle to totally boycott the "national referendum" farce of the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits and foil their plot for lifelong office. And he insisted that traitor Pak Jung Hi should "resign from the presidency" and cancel his plan to hold the "national referendum", and warned that "if the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique persist in their desperate attempt to stay on in office it may create a situation quite dangerous to their lot."

Meanwhile, the New Democratic Party issued on January 25 and 30 a statement revealing that the Pak Jung Hi bandits are distributing goods to the heads of sub-divisions and neighbourhood units of the city in a despicable attempt to obtain votes in their favour.

Kim Dae Jung, a south Korean democrat, condemningly declared that the deceptive "national referendum" is something like a "drama the dictators like to stage". The south Korean papers "Tonga Ilbo" and "Hanguk Ilbo" exposed the dirty secrets of the "national referendum" farce of the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique.

—Among Overseas Compatriots and Foreigners—

The "national referendum" farce schemed by the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits was severely criticized by the overseas compatriots and foreign newspapers.

Yun Sang Chol, Director of the International Department of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, made public a statement opposing and rejecting the "national referendum" farce of the treacherous Pak Jung Hi clique. The "National Congress for the Restoration of Democracy and Promotion of Reunification," the "Countermeasure Committee for Saving Kim Dae Jung" and five other organizations under the "Mindan" ("ROK" Residents Association in Japan) held a meeting at the Japan Youth Hall in Tokyo with the attendance of over 1,000 people to oppose the "national referendum" of the Pak Jung Hi clique. At the meeting they adopted a resolution demanding the Pak "regime" not to hold the "national referendum" but to resign en bloc at once.

Meanwhile, many Japanese papers including "Akahata", "Asahi Shimbun", "Sankei Shimbun", "Mainichi Shimbun", "Yomiuri Shimbun", "Tokyo Shimbun" and "Nihon Keizai Shimbun", British paper "Guardian" and many other foreign papers and press scathingly exposed and denounced the "national referendum" farce of the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits as an insidious plot to maintain the fascist "revitalized system".

Traitor's Hysteria for Division and His Lust for Long-term Office Again Revealed

Some time ago traitor Pak Jung Hi laid bare his hysterical fever for national split and his wild ambition for long stay in power in an "exclusive interview" with a US correspondent.

Saying that journalists and scholars in the United States and Japan are "critical" of south Korea and "prejudiced reports" are being made to the advantage of north Korea, he went so far as to prattle that they do so by "commercial reason".

This is an intolerable affront to and mockery of the conscientious journalists and intellectuals.

It is the duty of journalists and scholars to report and appraise facts as they are.

But traitor Pak Jung Hi censures foreign journalists and scholars who introduce and propagate the stark realities of the north and the south. He accused them of "prejudiced reports" and "commercial reason". This glaringly shows how much he is afraid that the wretched state of south Korea might be brought to light and the brilliant reality of the northern half be made widely known.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi prated that national reunification "will hardly be realized sooner or later" and that only when "peaceful co-existence is possible," can the country's "reunification" be expected.

This clearly reveals once again his true colours as a splittist.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"The reunification of the divided country is the supreme national desire of the entire Korean people and their urgent task the implementation of which brooks not a moment's delay."

The reunification of the country is the burning desire of the whole nation.

We made public the North-South Joint Statement, a great programme of the nation, which lit up the way for the solution of the question of the country's reunification in accordance with the three principles of national reunification. The south Korean rulers solemnly pledged to fulfil it before the whole nation.

Then, why traitor Pak Jung Hi raves that reunification cannot be realized at an early date?

It goes without saying that this is a treacherous act of a vilainous splittist who only seeks perpetual split of the nation, paying no heed to the reunification question.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi's ulterior motive is also to be seen graphically from the fact that again croaking about the non-existent "threat of southward invasion" he jabbered that the continued stationing of the US imperialist aggressor troops in south Korea is "necessary", that the United States should keep such "commitments" as mentioned under the "ROK-US mutual defence treaty" and that the "revitalized constitution" should be defended at any cost.

This is a replica of his absurd utterances made in the "New Year message" and "New Year press conference" at the outset of this year and another diabolical splittist and fascist jargon intended to keep the US imperialist aggressor troops stationed in south Korea, perpetuate Korea's division under the aegis of US imperialism, further intensify the fascist suppression of the south Korean people and prop up the criminal "revitalized" system.

All this shows to what extent the Pak Jung Hi bandits have gone in their desperate effort to prolong their days which are numbered.

With no artifice and machination, however, can the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique ever save their fate already sealed.

The south Korean people will decisively smash traitor Pak Jung Hi's wicked manoeuvrings and fight more staunchly to achieve the democratization of society and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Han Baek

The Master of Latin America Is the Latin American People

The present era is an era of independence. No one wants to live subordinated by others and no nation tolerates any trampling upon its dignity.

Today the flag of anti-imperialism and independence is waving high over Latin America which was once called a "hereditary estate" and a "tranquil backyard" of the US imperialists.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"The day is gone for ever when the US imperialists could freely oppress and plunder the Latin American people, and an era has come when the Latin American people are emerging as the master of Latin America."

The Latin American people are now waging an energetic struggle against the domination and control of US imperialism and for defending their political sovereignty and natural resources and their territorial sea rights.

To carve out their destinies by themselves, they are resolutely foiling the imperialists' policies of threat and blackmail, pressure and blockade and firmly defending their political sovereignty and national dignity.

Under the motto of "We are the master of ourselves" they are pursuing an independent policy; they declare that "we oppose any coercive measure of infringing upon the dignity and sovereignty of the Latin American countries". Stating that US imperialism can never "represent the political and economic interests of other countries, they unanimously claim that all sorts of unequal treaties imposed upon them by US imperialism should be abrogated and all relations be established "on the basis of the principles of equality, non-interference and respect for sovereignty".

Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador and many other countries decisively boycotted the establishment of the "community of the Western Hemisphere" by US imperialism and they are vehemently denouncing and rejecting its "trade law" aimed at applying sanctions against Latin American oil exporting nations. This is a clear proof of the aspiration of the Latin American people to fight US imperialism and advance independently.

The Latin American people are launching a dynamic struggle against the imperialists' exploitation and plunder and for the independent development of the national economy. A number of countries deprived imperialist monopolies of their economic concessions and nationalized factories, enterprises and natural resources which were in their hands, and they are making an effective use of them for their economic development. Meanwhile, these countries have taken positive measures to restrict the investment of foreign capital and the activities of foreign imperialist monopolies.

The Latin American littoral states declared the distance of 200 nautical miles as the extent of jurisdiction and firmly defend it. At international conferences and on international scenes, many countries strongly hold that the maritime hegemony of US-led imperialism should be censured and repudiated, the 200 mile sea limit and the economic zone safeguarded and the old oceanic laws revised at once. And they mete out a stern punishment to imperialists' spy ships which intrude into their territorial water to perpetrate espionage activities and sabotages. They capture pirate ships of US imperialism which plunder marine resources. They fine these pirate ships and dispossess them of the whole of fish they caught in the coastal waters.

For the community of their struggle against US imperialism and in defence of their national dignity and sovereignty, the Latin American people are strengthening their unity and solidarity as never before and mounting a frontal attack on the US imperialists.

At the conference of the foreign ministers of American states held in February last year, delegates of most countries took concerted action against US imperialism, demanding the immediate re-fosmation of the "Organization of American States", a tool of US imperialism for aggression and interference, and the "pan-American system" and an end to the "Inter-American Mutual Assistance Treaty" and all other shackling, unequal pacts.

The Latin American countries formed the Latin American Organization for Energy and the Alliance of Sugar-exporting Nations and a series of other organizations and alliances and are striving to safeguard their raw material and fuel resources and fix fair prices for export goods.

Thanks to such struggle of the peoples of Latin America, the imperialists and colonialists are falling deeper into a bottomless mire in this area.

The US imperialists are now trying desperately to maintain their domination and recover their lost position in Latin America. They persist in espionage and subversive activities and sabotages, disturbance and coup d'etat plots and indulge in ferocious threat and blackmail, conciliation and deception in Latin American countries. Also, they are seeking to catch these countries in a noose of neo-colonialism through economic "aid".

With no crafty manoeuvring, however, can the US imperialists check the dynamic advance the Latin American people are making under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Today the struggle of the Latin American people is a just struggle to defend national independence and dignity and national interests and a link in the great revolutionary struggle of the third world people. It is also a brave struggle to destroy the foothold of US imperialism totally.

That is why their struggle is enlisting the active support and encouragement of the third world people and the progressive people of the whole world.

The Korean people will, in the future, too, as in the past, actively support and encourage the Latin American people fighting against the domination and interference of US imperialism and for complete national sovereignty, and express firm solidarity with them in their struggle.

The master of Latin America is the Latin American people.

The Latin American people, united firmly under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence, will continue to fight stubbornly against the US imperialists' domination and interference and thus certainly build a Latin America which is cleared of imperialism and colonialism, a new Latin America which is peaceful and prosperous.

Yun Hae Ik

Progress and Change

The Latin American peoples are successfully developing their national economy in defiance of the economic pressure of US imperialism.

The Argentine government organized joint industrial enterprises to render material and financial help in the management of medium and small enterprises which are playing an important role in the national economy. The state investments in the national industry have increased. Thus, in recent period a petrochemical factory with an annual capacity of over 200,000 tons was built and the first-stage project of a power station completed.

Construction of large ships made headway and the output of machine products and handiworks is on the increase and so is the production in the field of coal mining and oil extraction.

The growth in the production of natural gas is noteworthy in Argentina and its recent daily output ran into 25 million cubic metres.

The recent promulgation of a new labour law opened up a broad avenue for the vast masses to engage in labour.

In Peru, successes are being made in the struggle to liquidate the economic footholds of the foreign imperialists and domestic reactionary landowners and to develop agriculture.

The Peruvian government which has already achieved signal results in carrying out the agrarian reform is actively pushing forward irrigation projects for the development of agriculture. During the recent six years, as many as 160,000 hectares of sterile farm land have been brought under irrigation, and this area is far larger than the irrigated areas which came into being in 150 years before the establishment of the present government.

Venezuela formed national petroleum trading fleets to export petroleum by home-built ships. Sharp increase in the coal output is one of the great successes gained by the Venezuelan people.

In Guyana a national marine products company was set up and new wharves were built. These are greatly conducive to the development of the fisheries.

Besides, new factories relying on domestic resources sprang up and more tracts of arable land were obtained to serve the economic development of the country.

All the facts clearly show that the Latin American peoples can develop the economy on their own.

Han Dok Yon

We Support the Just Stand of Oil Exporting Countries

The meeting of foreign, oil and finance ministers of the member states of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries was held in Algiers recently.

According to the final statement adopted at the meeting, the meeting discussed the present world economic situation and condemned the imperialists for their propaganda campaign to shuffle off the responsibility for the present economic chaos of the capitalist world on to oil exporting nations, and for their campaign to blackmail them. The meeting decided to hold a summit conference of oil exporting nations in Algiers between February and March this year with the aim of strengthening international cooperation and unity between oil exporting nations.

The Korean people express full support to and firm solidarity with the resolute stand of the member states of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries to push aside the US imperialists' high-handed military threat and slanderous propaganda against the oil producing nations and defend national sovereignty and interests.

At the meeting the representatives of Algeria and other countries exposed and denounced the absurd, shameless sophistry of the imperialists to put the blame for the present world economic upheavals upon third world countries, particularly upon oil exporting countries, and the purpose of the military threat of the US imperialists. Saying that the question of safeguarding the rights to control and develop natural resources is related with that of defending political independence and sovereignty, they laid emphasis on the need to strengthen the unity and cooperation between the oil exporting nations and the third world countries.

In fact, the recent meeting proved a heavy blow to the imperialists headed by the US imperialists who are resorting to all manner of threat and false propaganda to divide and estrange the member states of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries. At the same time, it gave a great inspiration to the third world people who are fighting against the imperialists' interference and aggression, exploitation and plunder and for defending national sovereignty and dignity and natural resources.

Our people warmly hail the success of the meeting and wish the forthcoming summit conference of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries a new success in the struggle to further cement the unity of the member states and defend national interests and sovereignty, brushing aside the threat and interference of the imperialists.

Song Jong Sik

Resolute Measures

Latin American countries are now taking decisive measures in succession. They are depriving imperialist monopolies of their economic concessions and nationalizing factories and enterprises owned by the latter. They are also confiscating lands of domestic reactionaries.

On January 1 this year the Venezuelan government officially announced that "Orinoco Mining", a sister concern of US imperialist monopoly "Steel," and an iron ore corporation, a sister concern of US imperialist monopoly "Bethlehem Steel", would be placed under state control.

As a result, US imperialist monopoly concerns were deprived of large proportion of their economic concession and the US imperialists had to return to Venezuela over 16,000 hectares of land with ore deposits.

In Guyana, too, a US imperialist monopoly concern "Reynolds" was nationalized.

Saying that January 1, 1975 is a day of historic significance to the people of Guyana, Prime Minister of Guyana declared in his speech that from that day on the bauxite industry of Guyana was freed completely from the clutch of the foreign imperialist monopolies.

The Peruvian government decided on bringing under state control the telegraphic communication and Telex system owned by the foreign imperialists. According to this decision, "All American Cable", a US imperialist concern, and "Cable West Course", a British imperialist monopoly, will come into the possession of this country from March this year.

In a little over 5 years following the promulgation of land reform law in June 1969, over 7 million hectares of land of big landowners was confiscated and distributed to co-operatives and farmers in Peru.

The Ecuadorian government adopted a decision to increase 3.5 per cent the tax imposed on the income of the oil monopolies of the foreign imperialists from October 1 last year. This proved a telling blow at the foreign oil monopolies.

Of late the Argentine government nationalized "Lisandro de la Torre", a meat refrigerating factory. Prior to this, the government promulgated a law on restricting music program of foreign countries in radio and TV broadcast and encouraging national music and placed under state control private TV broadcasting stations dominated by foreign capital.

These measures reflect the intention and desire of the Latin American people to properly use domestic natural resources, in conformity with their interests and attain the independent development of the economy and the sound development of national culture.

Kim Chol Sik

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